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# FOOT-BALL RULES.

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RULE 1.—(a) A drop-kick is made by letting the ball fall from the hands and kicking it at the very instant it rises.

(b) A place-kick is made by kicking the ball after it has been placed on the ground.

(c) A punt is made by letting the ball fall from the hands and kicking it before it touches the ground.

(d) Kick-off is a place-kick from the centre of the field of play, and cannot score a goal.

(e) Kick-out is a drop-kick, or place-kick, by a player of the side which has touched the ball down in their own goal, or into whose

RULE 1—*Con.*

touch-in-goal the ball has gone, and cannot score a goal.

- (*f*) A free kick is one where the opponents are restrained by rule.

RULE 2.—(*a*) In touch means out of bounds.

- (*b*) A fair is putting the ball in play from touch.

RULE 3.—A foul is any violation of a rule.

RULE 4.—(*a*) A touch-down is made when the ball is carried, kicked, or passed across the goal line and there held.

- (*b*) A safety is made when a player guarding his goal receives the ball from a player of his own side, either by a pass, kick, or a snap-back, and then touches it down behind his goal line, or when he himself carries the ball across his own goal line and touches it down, or when he puts the ball into his own touch-in-goal, or when the ball being kicked by one of his own



RULE 4—*Con.*

side bounds back from an opponent across the goal line and he then touches it down.

- (c) A touch-back is made when a player touches the ball to the ground behind his own goal, the impetus which sent the ball across the line having been received from an opponent.

RULE 5.—A punt-out is a punt made by a player of the side which has made a touch-down in their opponents' goal to another of his own side for a fair catch.

RULE 6.—A goal may be obtained by kicking the ball, in any way except a punt, from the field of play (without touching the ground, or dress, or person of any player after the kick) over the cross-bar or post of opponents' goal.

RULE 7.—A scrimmage takes place when the holder of the ball puts it down on the ground, and puts it in play by kicking it or snapping it back.

RULE 8.—A fair catch is a catch made direct from a kick by one of the opponents, or from a punt-out by one of the same side, provided the catcher made a mark with his heel at the spot where he has made the catch, and no other of his side touch the ball.

RULE 9.—Charging is rushing forward to seize the ball or tackle a player.

RULE 10.—Interference is using the hands or arms in any way to obstruct or hold a player who has not the ball, not the runner.

RULE 11.—The ball is dead :

- I. When the holder has cried down, or when the referee has cried down, or when the umpire has called foul.
- II. When a goal has been obtained.
- III. When it has gone into touch, or touch-in-goal, except for punt-out.
- IV. When a touch-down or safety has been made.

RULE 11—*Con.*

- V. When a fair catch has been heeled. No play can be made while the ball is dead, except to put in play by rule.

RULE 12.—The grounds must be 330 feet in length and 160 feet in width, with a goal placed in the middle of each goal line, composed of two upright posts, exceeding twenty feet in height, and placed 18 feet, 6 inches apart, with cross-bar ten feet from the ground.

RULE 13.—The game shall be played by teams of eleven men each: and in case of a disqualified or injured player a substitute shall take his place.

RULE 14.—There shall be an umpire and a referee. No man shall act as an umpire who is an alumnus of either of the competing colleges. The umpires shall be nominated and elected by the Advisory Committee. The referee shall be chosen by the two captains of the

RULE 14—*Con.*

opposing teams in each game, except in case of disagreement, when the choice shall be referred to the Advisory Committee, whose decision shall be final. All the referees and umpires shall be permanently elected and assigned on or before October 15th in each year.

RULE 15.—(a) The umpire is the judge for the players and his decision is final regarding fouls and unfair tactics.

(b) The referee is judge for the ball and his decision is final in all points not covered by the umpire.

RULE 16.—The time of a game is an hour and a half, each side playing forty-five minutes from each goal. There shall be ten minutes intermission between the two halves. The game shall be decided by the score of even halves. Either side refusing to play after ordered to by the

RULE 16—*Con.*

referee, shall forfeit the game. This shall also apply to refusing to commence the game when ordered to by the referee. The referee shall notify the captains of the time remaining not more than ten nor less than five minutes from the end of each half.

RULE 17.—No one wearing projecting nails or iron plates on his shoes shall be allowed to play in a match. No sticky or greasy substance shall be used on the person of players.

RULE 18.—The ball goes into touch when it crosses the side line, or when the holder puts part of either foot across or on that line. The touch line is in touch and the goal line in goal.

RULE 19.—The captains shall toss up before the commencement of the match, and the winner of the toss shall have his choice of goal or of kick-off. The same side shall not kick-off in two successive halves.

RULE 20.—The ball shall be kicked off at the beginning of each half; and whenever a goal has been obtained, the side which has lost it shall kick off.

RULE 21.—A player who has made and claimed a fair catch shall take a drop-kick, or a punt, or place the ball for a place-kick. The opponents may come up to the catcher's mark, and the ball must be kicked from some spot behind that mark on a parallel to touch line.

RULE 22.—The side which has a free kick must be behind the ball when it is kicked. At kick-off the opposite side must stand at least ten yards in front of the ball until it is kicked.

RULE 23.—Charging is lawful for opponents if a punter advances beyond his line, or in case of a place-kick, immediately the ball is put in play by touching the ground. In case of a punt-out, not till ball is kicked.

RULE 24.—(a) A player is put off side, if, during a scrimmage, he gets in front of the ball, or if the ball has been last touched by his own side behind him. It is impossible for a player to be off side in his own goal. No player when off side shall touch the ball, or interrupt, or obstruct opponent with his hands or arms until again on side.

(b) A player being off side is put on side when the ball has touched an opponent, or when one of his own side has run in front of him, either with the ball, or having touched it when behind him.

RULE 25.—No player shall lay his hands upon, or interfere by use of hands or arms, with an opponent, unless he has the ball.

RULE 26.—(a) A foul shall be granted for intentional delay of game, off side play, or holding an opponent, unless he has the ball. No delay

RULE 26.—*Con.*

arising from any cause whatsoever shall continue more than five minutes.

- (b) The penalty for fouls and violation of rules, except otherwise provided, shall be a down for the other side ; or, if the side making the foul has not the ball, five yards to the opponents.

RULE 27.—A player shall be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, hacking, throttling, butting, tripping up, intentional tackling below the knees, and striking with closed fist.

RULE 28.—A player may throw or pass the ball in any direction except toward opponents' goal. If the ball be batted or thrown forward it shall go down on the spot to opponents.

RULE 29.—If a player when off side interferes with an opponent trying for a fair catch, by touching him, or the ball, or waving his hat or hands, the opponent may have a free kick, or down, where the interference occurred.



**RULE 30.**—(a) If a player having the ball be tackled and the ball fairly held the man so tackling shall cry “held,” the one so tackled must cry “down” and some player of his side put it down for a scrimmage. The snapper back and the man opposite him cannot pick out the ball with the hand until it touch a third man; nor can the opponents touch the ball until it is in motion. The snapper back is entitled to but half the ball. If the snapper back be off side in the act of snapping back, the ball must be snapped again, and if this occurs three times on same down, the ball goes to opponents. The man who first receives the ball when snapped back from a down, or thrown back from a fair, shall not carry the ball forward under any circumstances whatever. If, in three consecutive fairs and downs, unless the ball cross the goal line, a team shall not have advanced the ball five or taken it back twenty yards, it shall go to the opponents on

RULE 30—*Con.*

spot of fourth. "Consecutive" means without leaving the hands of the side holding it, and by a kick giving opponents fair and equal chance of gaining possession of it.

- (b) The man who puts the ball in play in a scrimmage can not pick it up until it has touched some third man. "Third man" means any other player than the one putting the ball in play and the man opposite him.

RULE 31.—If the ball goes into touch, whether it bounds back or not, a player on the side which touches it down must bring it to the spot where the line was crossed, and there either

- I. Bound the ball in the field of play, or touch it in with both hands, at right angles to the touch line, and then run with it, kick it, or throw it back ; or
- II. Throw it out at right angles to the touch line ; or
- III. Walk out with it at right angles to touch line, any distance not less than five nor more than

RULE 31—*Con.*

fifteen yards, and there put it down, first declaring how far he intends walking. The man who puts the ball in must face field or opponents' goal, and he alone can have his foot outside touch line. Anyone, except him, who puts his hands or feet between the ball and his opponents' goal is off side. If it be not thrown out at right angles, either side may claim it thrown over again, and if it fail to be put in play fairly in three trials it shall go to the opponents.

RULE 32.—A side which has made a touch-down in their opponents' goal *must* try at goal, either by a place-kick or a punt-out.

RULE 33.—If the try be by a place-kick, a player of the side which has touched the ball down shall bring it up to the goal line, and making a mark opposite the spot where it was touched down, bring it out at right angles to the goal line such

RULE 33—*Con.*

distance as he thinks proper, and there place it for another of his side to kick. The opponents must remain behind their goal line until the ball has been placed on the ground.

RULE 34.—If the try be by a punt-out, the punter shall bring the ball up the goal line, and making a mark opposite the spot where it was touched down, punt-out from any spot behind line of goal and not nearer the goal post than such mark, to another of his side, who must all stand outside goal line not less than fifteen feet. If the touch down was made in touch in goal, the punt-out shall be made from the intersection of the goal and touch lines. The opponents may line up anywhere on the goal line, except space of five feet on each side of punter's mark, but cannot interfere with punter, nor can he touch the ball after kicking it until it touch some other player. If a fair catch be made from a punt-out, the mark shall serve to

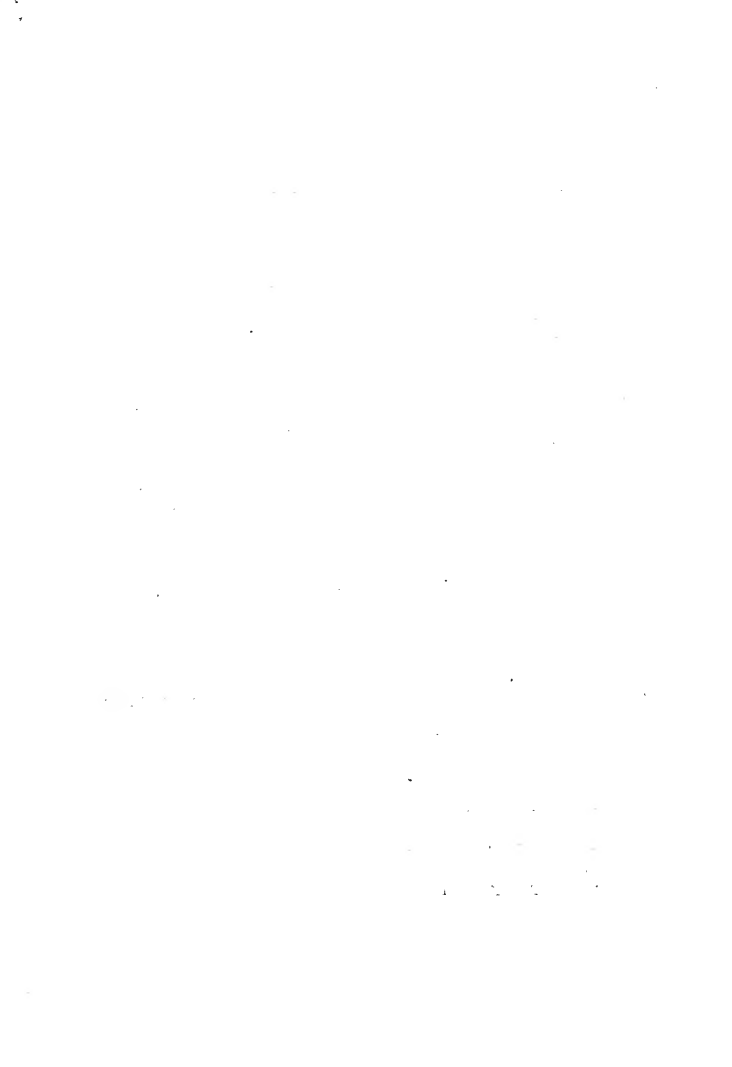
RULE 34—*Con.*

determine positions as the mark of any fair catch.

RULE 35.—A side which has made a touch-back or a safety must kick out from not more than twenty-five yards outside the kicker's goal. If the ball go into touch before striking a player it must be kicked out again ; and if this occurs three times in succession it shall be given to opponents as in touch on twenty-five yard line on side where it went out. At kick-out opponents must be on twenty-five yard line or nearer their own goal.

RULE 36—The following shall be the value of each point in the scoring :

Goal obtained by touch-down,	6
Goal from field kick,	5
Touch-down failing kick,	4
Safety by opponents,	2



# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be the American Intercollegiate Foot-Ball Association.

## ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. — This Association shall consist of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Wesleyan, and the University of Pennsylvania.

SEC. 2. — No college shall be admitted to membership except by an unanimous vote.

SEC. 3. — The annual assessment shall be \$25 from each college, and out of the total sum \$75 shall be expended for a Championship Pen-nant.

SEC. 4. — Any college failing to pay the annual assessment on or before December 1st of each year shall forfeit its membership to the Association.

## ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. — The officers shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The Presidency shall be held by the college last holding the championship. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot.

SEC. 2. — There shall be a Graduate Advisory Committee of five ; one member being elected by the Alumni, or appointed by the Faculty of each of the colleges in the association.

SEC. 3. — This Advisory Committee shall meet and propose the rules, or changes in the same, on the first Saturday in March in each year, and shall submit the said proposed rules or changes to the Secretary of the Intercollegiate Association, on or before the first Saturday in April, to be forthwith transmitted by him to the respective college Associations before the Spring Meeting of the Intercollegiate Association, to occur on the first Saturday in May. At that meeting the said proposed rules or changes shall be acted upon, and be returned by the Intercollegiate Association, with its approval or disapproval, to the Advisory Com-



**SEC. 3.—***Continued.*

mittee at its Summer Meeting, to occur on the first Saturday in June. Those rules or changes approved, shall forthwith take effect; those disapproved shall go over for consideration until the following Spring, unless they shall receive four votes in the Advisory Committee, in which case they shall immediately take effect.

**SEC. 4.—**Each of the five members of the Advisory Committee shall have a full vote. Any one may vote and act by representative, with a written proxy. Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**SEC. 5.—**At the written request of any two members of the Advisory Committee, or delegates of the Intercollegiate Association, the Secretary of the committee shall convene a meeting both of the Advisory Committee and Intercollegiate Association, but the same shall be only on a five days' written notice to the various members and delegates, which notice must contain a statement of the object of the said meetings. The meetings of the present year shall be governed by this section.

SEC. 6. — There shall be an Umpire and a Referee.

The referee shall judge for the ball, and the umpire for the player. No man shall act as an umpire who is an alumnus of either of the competing colleges. The umpires shall be nominated and elected by the Advisory Committee. The referee shall be chosen by the two captains of the opposing teams in each game, except, in case of disagreement, the choice shall be referred to the Advisory Committee, whose decision shall be final. All referees and umpires shall be permanently elected and assigned on or before October 15 in each year.

SEC. 7. — The Advisory Committee shall act as a Committee of Appeals, and shall hold its regular annual session on the first Saturday in December of each year, at which time it shall hear and finally determine any appeal, which must be in writing, from a decision or determination which substantially affects the interpretation or construction of any provision of the Constitution or of the Rules of the Association, during the year preceding ; but this section shall not be construed as affecting any

SEC. 7.—*Continued.*

question of fact, the determination of which rests in the discretion of the referee.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. — The series shall consist of one game with each college, and shall be played upon grounds mutually agreed upon.

SEC. 2. — The two leading colleges of the preceding year shall play in or near New York.

SEC. 3. — The Championship shall be decided by the greatest number of games won. In case of a tie in games won, the team losing the fewest games shall have the championship.

SEC. 4. — In case there is a tie for second place in the championship series, the record of the previous year shall determine which of the two colleges so tying shall play with the champions in New York, according to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE V.

In all the championship games the net receipts shall be equally divided between the contesting colleges.

## ARTICLE VI.

Any team failing to meet its engagements shall, unless the failure be caused by unavoidable accident in travelling, or by postponement with the consent in writing of the other team, forfeit its membership. Any college failing to put a team in the field each year shall forfeit its membership. A certificate signed by three members of the Faculty shall be considered sufficient excuse for failure to play.

## ARTICLE VII.

There shall be two meetings of this Association. One to be held on the first Saturday in May, the other on the second Saturday in October.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The printing of the rules and constitution shall be done by the A. I. F.-B. A., and 50 copies shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each college of the Association free of charge.

## ARTICLE IX.

No man shall play more than five years in this Association.

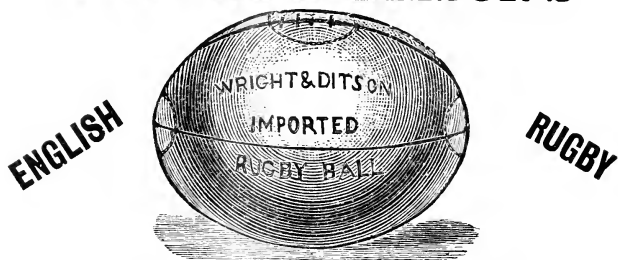
## ARTICLE X.

If a question arises concerning the eligibility of any member of a team to play in championship games, a certificate signed by three members of the Faculty, stating that he is a member of the college, in regular standing, shall be deemed sufficient; all other questions of eligibility shall be decided by the Committee of Appeals.

## ARTICLE XI.

A majority vote shall be necessary to pass any vote or to amend this Constitution.

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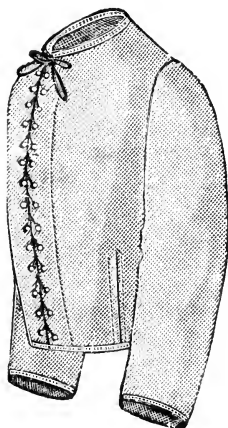


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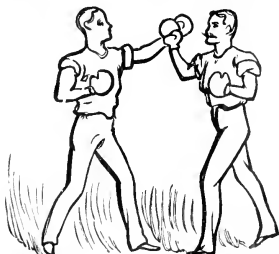
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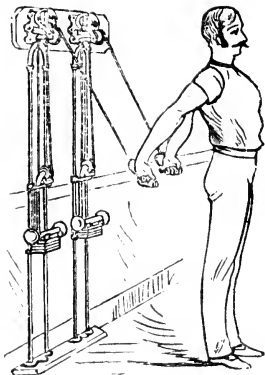
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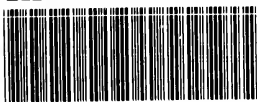
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